

REMARKS


Claims 1-32 are now pending. According to the Advisory Action, claims 27 and 28 have been objected to (as depending on a rejected base claim), and claims 1-26 and 29-32 have been rejected (as obvious over Stewart). Independent claims 1 and 7 now define two distinct steps. The first step involves exposing a tissue to normal dose PDT treatment. The second step involves exposing a tissue area that overlaps with the exposed tissue from the first step with low dose PDT treatment. Stewart does not disclose two steps. Independent claim 31 discloses four steps which are not disclosed in Stewart.

Applicant's counsel thanks the Examiner for her courtesy in a phone conference of August 18, 2005 and for suggesting that she will speak with her supervisor. Thus, if the Examiner is not convinced that the present claims are allowable over the cited art, she is respectfully requested to discuss this case with her supervisor. In addition, applicants respectfully request an interview with the Examiner and the Examiner's supervisor if it is believed that the present claims are not in condition for allowance.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 273012011800. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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